

LOUISE VAN ATTER.

JANUARY 19, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SULLOWAY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10020.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10020) granting a pension to Louise Van Atter, having considered the same, respectfully report:

The claimant is the widow of Joshua Van Atter, who enlisted as a private at Fonda, N. Y., on September 2, 1862, in Company A, One hundred and fifty-third New York Volunteers, and was honorably discharged October 2, 1865. The records of the War Department show that he was wounded in the right elbow at the battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, April 9, 1864. He was a brave soldier and took part in all the battles up to shortly before the time of his discharge, when he contracted disease of the lungs, from which he had pulmonary hemorrhage up to the date of his death, which caused his death, which occurred on the 21st day of February, 1869. The testimony of a number of his neighbors and citizens is very definite and clear as to his splendid physical condition when he went into the Army, and to his weak, debilitated, and diseased condition when he came out and during the years up to the time of his death.

Dr. P. R. Furbeck, a citizen and resident of Gloversville, Fulton County, N. Y., a reputable physician and entitled to credit, declares on oath that he was acquainted with the soldier for several years and knew him to have been diseased and attended him, in connection with Dr. James Benny (now deceased), up to the time of the soldier's death.

By the claimant's inability to prove the direct cause of his death to have been due to army service, she is unable to receive a pension under the general law. She is entirely dependent upon her daily labor, and her condition of health is such that she is unable to provide for herself.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill at the rate of \$12 per month.